

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Meeting Date: 6 June, 2007

### CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Band Room, Amherst Regional Middle School.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alice Carlozzi (chair), Marilyn Blaustein, Paul Bobrowski, Kay Moran, Brian Morton, Douglas Slaughter, Andrew Steinberg

### OTHERS PRESENT

John Musante (Finance Director/Treasurer), Jere Hochman (Superintendent of Schools), Andy Churchill (School Committee)

### COMMITTEE AGENDA

Agenda:

1. Regional Schools assessment
2. June 6, 2007, Special Town Meeting: Review Article 1
3. Minutes of May 16, 23, and 31, 2007, meetings if time permits

### COMMITTEE ACTION

Moran moved to recommend that Town Meeting reconsider its action on the regional schools budget and recommend that Town Meeting appropriate an assessment for a budget increased 3% above the current year, in accordance with the actions of the three other towns in the region. The motion was seconded by Morton and passed on vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Moran moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 16, 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Morton and passed.

Bobrowski moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 23, 2007. The motion was seconded by Blaustein and passed.

### DISCUSSION

Carlozzi explained that she had erroneously responded to a question from the floor at the Town Meeting when the regional school assessment was discussed and passed. If the Pelham Town Meeting does not reconsider and then vote for a lower amount, which is not likely, the Amherst Town Meeting will have to appropriate the higher amount. Otherwise our budget will not be in balance. No one expressed a view contrary to Moran's motion. The entire discussion was about how to present the new information and the recommendation.



Musante explained that the motion under Part B of Article 1 on the June 6 special Town Meeting Warrant is amended from the statement in the warrant. There is no need to revote the Finance Committee's prior recommendation in support of the article. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Steinberg  
Acting Clerk